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VERMONT'S TOP SPELLERS COMPETE IN STATEWIDE SPELLING BEE

MONTPELIER – The Vermont Agency of Education (VT-AOE), Vermont Principals' Association (VPA), Vermont Humanities Council and Burlington Free Press will host a statewide individual spelling bee for Vermont students on Wednesday, March 13 at 3:30 p.m. at the McCarthy Arts Center at St. Michael's College in Colchester.

The champion of this bee will travel to Washington, D.C., in June to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, competing against top spellers from every other state in the nation.

In addition to advancing to the national spelling bee, the winner receives a trophy, a laptop and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., sponsored by FairPoint Communications, Vermont Lake Monsters, Burlington Free Press, Vermont Humanities Council, VPA and VT-AOE. The top three spellers will receive reference books and gift certificates, the second place winner will receive a plaque, and all students will receive a medallion for advancing to the state level. All of the students who compete in the national spelling bee will receive cash prizes ranging from \$50 to the \$12,000 championship prize. For more information on the national bee, visit www.spellingbee.com.

Elementary and middle school students (through grade 8) under the age of 16 are eligible to participate in this competition. Students from across Vermont who will participate in the bee have already competed in their regional bees this winter.

For more information, contact Bob Johnson at the VPA at (802) 229-0547, Angela Ross at the VT-AOE at (802) 828-3154 or Linda Wrazen at the Vermont Humanities Council at (802) 262-2626, ext. 309.

See the next page for a list of participants.

2013 Vermont State Spelling Bee Participants

Albany Community School	Autum	Perron
Albert D Lawton Intermediate School	Isabelle	Petrucci
Barre City Elementary Middle School	Carli	Harris
Barre Town Middle Elementary School	Julia	Jaminet
Bethel Elementary School	Grace	LaFromboise
Brighton Elementary School	Colby	Worth
Camels Hump Middle School	Becket	Hill
Charlotte Central School	Abigail	Postlewaite
Christ The King School	Esa	Anderson
Crossett Brook Middle School	Harley	Miller-Rowley
Danville School	Chelsea	Carcoba
Dority Home School	Finn	Dority
Dothan Brook School	Jessica	Paterson
Edmunds Middle School	Julia	Drummond
Flood Brook Union 20 Elementary School	Corynn	Wasyliko
Frederick H Tuttle Middle School	Nicholas	Knudsen
Harwood Union Middle/high School	Erin	Magill
Isle La Motte Elementary School	Nicholas	Creller
Lyndon Town School	Kayanna	Burns
Main Street Middle School	Asa	Richardson-Skinder
Mater Christi School	Tracy	Ferguson
Middlebury Union Middle School	Ronan	Howlett
Mill River Union High School	Carrie	Duprey
Milton Elementary School	Samuel	Dooley
Mt Anthony Union Middle School	Tucker	Beaudoin
NewBrook Elementary School	Fairen	Stark
Richford Junior Senior High School	Joseph	Wills
Riverside School	Kaci	Cochran
Rutland Intermediate School	William	Latkin
Shelburne Community School	Thomas	Daley
Shrewsbury Mountain Elementary School	Olivia	Suker
South Royalton School	Emily	Ballou
St. Mary School	Colin	Dowd
Stowe Middle High School	Rosalie	Wasser
Thaddeaus Stevens School	Lucinda	Storz
Thetford Academy	Raphael	Orleck-Jetter
Thetford Elementary School	Owen	Deffner
Tunbridge Central School	Connor	Lambert
Twin Valley Middle School	Dylan	Florence
Walden School	Azariah	Thoma
Waterford Elementary School	Lindsey	Wood
Westshire Elementary School	Logan	Garr
Williston Central School	Natalie	Durieux